PATENT

UNDER 37 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1804

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cook et al.

Serial No.: 566,977

Group Art Unit:

1804

Filed: August 13, 1990

Examiner: D. Crouch

For: SUGAR MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES THAT

DETECT AND MODULATE GENE EXPRESSION

Box AF Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The Examiner's Office Action of October 23, 1991 has been carefully considered and a reply prepared.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

## In the Claims:

A method for modulating the production of a protein [by an organism] comprising contacting [the organism] a selected sequence of RNA or DNA coding for a selected protein with an oligonucleotide or oligonucleotide analog having a sequence of nucleotide bases specifically hybridizable with [a] said selected sequence of RNA or DNA coding for said protein, and having at least

